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## MINISTERS' WEEK

## COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

October 31 - November 4, 1960

## PROGRAM FOR MINISTERS' WEEK

Columbia Theological Seminary is pleased to announce the program for its annual Ministers' Week which is to be held October 31-November 4, 1960. Dr. Eugene A. Nida, Translations Secretary of the American Bible Society, is to deliver the lectures upon the Thomas A. Smyth Foundation for 1960 and has chosen as his subject *Communication of the Christian Faith.* Dr. Wallace M. Alston, President of Agnes Scott College, is to be the Alumni Lecturer and has announced that he will discuss *The Minister and Contemporary Literary Figures.* Dr. Donald G. Miller, Professor of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. will be the guest preacher at morning services throughout the week.

The seminary is particularly pleased that Dr. Marion A. Boggs, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. has agreed to address the student body and visiting ministers at a convocation on Wednesday morning, November 2, at 9:30 o'clock.

All addresses during the week will be delivered in the Columbia Presbyterian Church and the general public is invited to attend. Brief biographical sketches of the lecturers are printed herewith.

## SMYTH LECTURER

### Rev. Eugene A. Nida, Ph.D.

Eugene Albert Nida was born in Oklahoma City, Okla. His A.B. was earned at the University of California in Los Angeles. He has also earned the M.A. degree from the University of Southern California and a Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of Michigan. He is an ordained minister of the American Baptist Convention and was formerly a missionary of that church. From 1937 to 1953 he was professor of Linguistics at the Summer Institute of Linguistics of the University of Oklahoma and since 1943 he has been secretary of the Translations Department of the American Bible Society. He is a member of the Linguistic Society of America and of the American Anthropological Association.

Dr. Nida is one of the foremost linguists in the United States, specializing in the study of the languages and dialects of primitive people, for many of whom no printed part of the Bible has yet appeared. His work includes field surveys, linguistic research, the checking of manuscripts of new translations, and the writing of books and articles on languages, anthropology, and the science of meaning. In order to carry on these many phases of the Translation Department work Dr. Nida has traveled to more than 50 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Latin America, where he has worked with translators on linguistic problems of more than 120 different languages.

Dr. Nida is the author of a number of books on linguistics and translation such as *Linguistic Interludes,* published by the Summer Institute of Linguistics. *Morphology,* from the press of the University of

Michigan, *Bible Translating*, published in 1947 by the American Bible Society, and *Learning a Foreign Language*, published by the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Christian Council. His book, *God's Word in Man's Language*, the dramatic story of translating the Bible into more than one thousand languages, was published by Harper and Brothers in 1952 and was selected as one of the fifty best religious books of that year. *Customs and Cultures: Anthropology For Christian Missions*, published in September 1954 by Harper & Brothers, is a fascinating account of strange customs and little-known cultures—all in the light of the program of Christian missions throughout the world. With William A. Smalley he is author of *Introducing Animism*, and in September of this year Harpers published his latest book, *Message and Mission*.

## ALUMNI LECTURER

### Rev. Wallace M. Alston, Th. D., D. D., LL. D.

Wallace McPherson Alston was born in Decatur, Georgia, and received his undergraduate education at Emory University where he earned B.A. and M.A. degrees. He attended Columbia Theological Seminary where he received his B.D. degree and served as instructor in New Testament for two years. He has done graduate study at Transylvania University (Lexington, Ky.), the University of Chicago, and Union Seminary in Richmond, Va. From the latter institution he holds Th.M. and Th.D. degrees. He had also been awarded the D.D. by Hampden-Sydney College and the LL.D. by Davis and Elkins College.

Dr. Alston has served the church as pastor of Rock Spring Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Ky., the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, West Virginia, and the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. In addition he was for a time (1935-38) Director of Youth Work for the Presbyterian Committee of Religious Education, and in 1948 began his service at Agnes Scott College as Vice President, later to be inaugurated (1951) as the third President in the history of the college.

Dr. Alston is the Author of *The Throne Among the Shadows* and *Break Up the Night*. He has also provided a series of studies on the Psalms for the Women of the Church which is being revised.

## GUEST PREACHER

### Rev. Donald G. Miller, Ph. D.

Donald George Miller is a native of Braddock, Pa. He attended Greenville College of Illinois where he received his A.B. degree. From Biblical Seminary in New York he has earned the S.T.B. and S.T.M. degrees, and from New York University he has earned M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. He has also done graduate work at Montpelier Seminary in France.

He began his ministry in the Pittsburgh Conference of the Free Methodist Church of North America, and served as professor at Pyengyang Foreign School in

Korea, as professor at Biblical Seminary in New York and as a professor of the Theological Seminary of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Gettysburg, Pa. He was ordained by the Baltimore Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America to serve the Highland Presbyterian Church of Street, Maryland; later he served as assistant pastor of the Highland Park Church of Dallas, Texas. From this latter service he returned to teaching and to his present post as Walter H. Robertson, Professor of New Testament at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

Dr. Miller is author of several volumes including *Conqueror in Chains,* a story of the apostle Paul, *The Nature and Mission of the Church, Fire in Thy Mouth, The Way to Biblical Preaching,* and the commentary on Luke in the *Layman's Bible Commentary.* He is also co-editor of *Tools for Bible Study,* a series of studies published originally for INTERPRETATION of which he is co-editor.

Dr. Miller is guest jointly of Columbia Theological Seminary and of the Morningside Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. He will preach at that church on Sunday, October 30, and on each evening during the week.

## SCHEDULE OF LECTURERS DURING MINISTERS' WEEK

| | 9:30 A.M. | 11:00 A.M. | 4:00 P.M. | 8:00 P.M. |
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| Monday, Oct. 31 | | | | Nida |
| Tuesday, Nov. 1 | Alston | Miller | | Nida |
| Wednesday, Nov. 2 | Boggs | Miller | Alston | Nida |
| Thursday, Nov. 3 | Alston | Miller | | Nida |
| Friday, Nov. 4 | Alston | Miller | | Nida |

Subjects:

Dr. Eugene A. Nida:

*Communication of the Christian Faith*

1. *The Nature of Communication*
2. *Religion as Communication*
3. *Communication within Society*
4. *The Dynamics of Communication*
5. *Communication—Human and Divine*

Dr. Wallace M. Alston:

*The Minister and Contemporary Literary Figures.*

1. *The Minister Looks at T. S. Eliot*
2. *The Minister Looks at William Faulkner*
3. *The Minister Looks at Albert Camus*
4. *The Minister Looks at Robert Frost*

Dr. Donald G. Miller:

Sermon Topics not Announced.